



Team's Charge – Issues

1. Need for the transportation community to be more proactive, communicative, and collaborative in developing and evaluating research and implementing research results.
2. Making transportation research a high priority for all modes.
3. Incorporating long term perspectives in the research agenda.
4. Need for leveraging funding and resources from private industry, other states and federal government.

Team's Charge – Actions

1. Build partnerships between industry, governmental agencies, universities, and the private sector to identify mutual interests, needs, and to leverage resources.
2. Develop a process to implement research findings.
3. Evaluate the balance between the allocation of funds to planning vs. research.
4. Support and expand the LTAP program.

High Level Team Process

- Held monthly meetings with focused agendas to discuss issues, goals, and actions to create implementation plans.
- Assigned tasks to team members of collecting resource information on state-of-the-art transportation research management practices in other states.
- Kept detailed meeting minutes and created related documents for review and comment before each meeting.
- Prepared a charter for a new entity named Michigan Transportation Research Board (MTRB) to execute all implementation plans in an integrated fashion.

High Level Implementation Plan

MICHIGAN TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH BOARD

- A voluntary advisory board to Michigan's transportation agencies

Mission: Promote active and effective research that will lead to the highest quality transportation services for economic benefit and quality of life

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MICHIGAN TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH BOARD

Vision: Michigan's transportation research board will be a premiere program in the U.S. having high visibility and producing innovative and effective solutions to practical problems. MTRB will develop and utilize resources to effect broad impacts on local, regional and national issues.

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MICHIGAN TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH BOARD

Membership: Volunteers from transportation stakeholder groups: research sponsors; scientific and technical experts; users of research services and products; all parties affected by research implementation.

Executive Committee: MDOT, universities, FHWA, industry (consultants, contractors and suppliers), local governments, public transportation, and regional planning representatives.

- Meet biannually to administer policies and operations of MTRB

High Level Implementation Plan

MICHIGAN TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH BOARD will:

- Ensure proactive research development with aggressive implementation and evaluation.
- Include innovative long-term research in Michigan's transportation research, with support for emerging technologies.
- Articulate benefits of research and foster better awareness of research programs to the public.
- Identify and create mechanisms that will make data and research findings understandable and accessible.
- Broaden funding base for research by involving multiple stakeholders.
- Keep transportation community informed of MTRB activities and issues.

Status of Implementation Plan

What implementation items have been completed?

- MTRB charter mailed to stakeholders and invitation extended to Executive Committee members.
- First meeting of the Executive Committee is planned for the early part of 2005.
- The individual implementation plans drafted by the Action Team will be addressed and actions initiated by the MTRB after the meeting.

Future Actions

- MTRB will take over and implement the functions and operations delineated in the charter.
- Initially focus on the four actions (implementation plans) drafted by the Action Team.
- Hold regularly scheduled meetings.
- Involve stakeholders continuously.